

**Introduced by Senator Allen**

February 17, 2016

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An act to repeal and add Sections 21505 and 21605 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 1108, as introduced, Allen. Elections: state and local reapportionment.

Existing law authorizes a county board of supervisors to appoint a committee, composed of county residents, to study the matter of changing the boundaries of its supervisorial districts. Existing law directs a committee created pursuant to that provision to report its findings to the board of supervisors, as specified, and it expressly states that recommendations of the committee are advisory only. Existing law similarly authorizes a city council to appoint a committee, composed of city residents, to study the matter of changing the boundaries of its council districts, directs a committee so created to report its findings to the city council, and expressly states that recommendations of the committee are advisory only.

This bill would delete those provisions and instead authorize a county or city to establish a commission, composed of residents of the county or city, to either change the boundaries of the districts or recommend to the governing body changes to the boundaries of the districts. The bill would also require a commission so created to report to the governing body its findings on the need for changes to the boundaries, and its adopted or recommended changes, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 21505 of the Elections Code is repealed.

2     ~~21505. The board may appoint a committee composed of~~  
3 ~~residents of the county to study the matter of changing the~~  
4 ~~boundaries of the supervisorial districts. The committee shall make~~  
5 ~~its report to the board of its findings on the need for change of~~  
6 ~~boundaries, and the recommended changes, within six months~~  
7 ~~after the final population figures determined in each federal~~  
8 ~~decennial census have been released, but in any event not later~~  
9 ~~than August 1st of the year following the year in which the census~~  
10 ~~is taken. Recommendations of the committee are advisory only.~~

11     SEC. 2. Section 21505 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

12     21505. A county may establish a commission composed of  
13 county residents to change the boundaries of the supervisorial  
14 districts or to recommend to the board changes to the boundaries  
15 of the supervisorial districts. The commission shall submit a report  
16 to the board of its findings on the need for changes to the  
17 boundaries, and its adopted or recommended changes, within six  
18 months after the final population figures determined in each federal  
19 decennial census have been released, but in any event not later  
20 than August 1st of the year following the year in which the census  
21 is taken.

22     SEC. 3. Section 21605 of the Elections Code is repealed.

23     ~~21605. The council may appoint a committee composed of~~  
24 ~~residents of the city to study the matter of changing the boundaries~~  
25 ~~of the council districts. The committee shall make its report to the~~  
26 ~~council of its findings on the need for change of boundaries, and~~  
27 ~~the recommended changes by the first day of August of the year~~  
28 ~~following the year in which the decennial federal census is taken.~~  
29 ~~Recommendations of the committee are advisory only.~~

30     SEC. 4. Section 21605 is added to the Government Code, to  
31 read:

32     21605. A city may establish a commission composed of city  
33 residents to change the boundaries of the council districts or to  
34 recommend to the council changes to the boundaries of the council  
35 districts. The commission shall submit a report to the council of  
36 its findings on the need for changes to the boundaries, and its  
37 adopted or recommended changes, within six months after the  
38 final population figures determined in each federal decennial census

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- 2 the year following the year in which the census is taken.

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